(b) whether Government had undertaken any survey/study before enforcement of the said Act as to the total number of kidney failure patients awaiting transplantation in the country during the last three years and the number of cadaver kidneys likely to be made available each year during the next three years; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) in what manner Government propose to solve the problems of patients who are advised immediate removal of kidneys but have no relatives or cannot get a living donor as specified in the Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Yes, Sir,.

(b) No. Sir.

(c) The cadaver organs are expected to meet the requirement of such patients.

North-Eastern Regional Medical College, Imphal

2713. SHRI W. KULABIDHU SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the North-Eastern Regional Medical College, Imphal is not going to be taken over by Government of India soon;

(b) if so, what are the steps already taken by Government towards that end;

(c) whether there is any financial irregularity in the management by the authorities of the North-Eastern Regional Medical College Society; and

(d) if so, what remedial measures have been taken toward off the further recurrence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) Taking over of the Regional Medical College, Imphal by the Central Government is not contemplated. However, it has been suggested that revamped management structure and rehabilitation package within the existing framework of the Regional Medical College Society would be sufficient to set right the matters.

(c) No. Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Spread of AIDS

2714. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prof. Roger Short of Monash University has stated in an Australian Population Conference that India will be World's Worst-affected AIDS region in five years' time; and

(b) if so, except distributing condoms in jails what effective steps have been taken by Government to check the spread of this highly fatal disease in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) A news item to this effect has appeared in the Pioneer, New Delhi, dated March 5, 1995. The statement attributed to Prof. Roger Short could at best, be his guesstimate.

(b) In order to prevent and control the spread of HIV/AIDS in India a comprehansive programme is currently under implementation as a centrally sponsored scheme throughout the country. The strategies of the programme consist of generation of awareness amongest high risk behaviour groups and general public about HIV/AIDS control of Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Blood Safety and rational use of blood better surveillance; and diagnosis and Clinical Management of HIV/AIDS cases.